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Association of Building Engineers

SAABE TIMES **FEBRUARY 2015**

SEE WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO!

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2015! SAABE has started making several changes, in our goal to bring our membership a bigger and better SAABE! We appreciate your patience while we work through these changes and hope that you appreciate the effort being made to get SAABE on the cutting edge. We appreciate your membership and look forward to a great 2015! Please see below for updates on our committees and to hear from our board members, including an article from our President, Paul Thompson.

Please continue to forward any questions and inquiries to saabetx@gmail.com. And don't forget to visit www.saabe.org to RSVP for our next luncheon February 25, 2015!

Thank you,
Britney Brantley
Association Manager

ABOVE THE CEILING

by Paul Thompson, SAABE President

SAABE Pride, Looking for Kawhi

The Team had been around for decades; humble beginnings, a Hall of Fame player or two and some success. But in the late 90's something changed. A number one pick brought the Twin Towers together. A hard-nosed coach dedicated to shedding the team's "soft" moniker by pounding the rock. And a peak was reached.

Time moved on and a system came together around the Big Three built on high standards, tough D and a dedication to playing the game the right way. Role players brought what they had to the table and while other teams rose and fell, the system produced consistent,

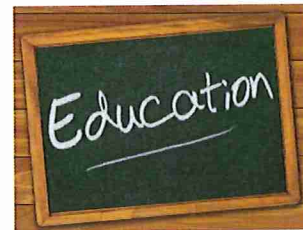
high-level success. Last season was capped with one of the most lopsided wins in history as the Team dethroned the King. The Big Three smiled as "green, like a rookie" held the MVP trophy aloft. Change continued in the next season as the first Woman and the first European took their positions to help the system go to next.

We've also been around for a while and have had our share of success. A solid core, strong principles, and dedicated people have kept moving our organization forward. But even though new blood has arrived, it strikes me that the last five to hold the top spot were all SAABE members together in the late 90's. I'm looking for someone new who will pick up that hammer and show us how the new guys are capable of pounding that rock; I'm looking for Kawhi.

EDUCATION CORNER

by John Leifester

We are glad to be back up and running and bring you the news and information for our organization.



Education programs are currently being sought for our First Thursday trainings. We received some great feedback from our Engineering members from the survey we did. Look for announcements of the upcoming trainings. We look forward to providing you with the newest products and their educational presentations in every trade that is represented within SAABE. That being said, I still need sponsors for the years training. I am looking to volunteers to help step up and share their educational presentations with our Engineer Members. If I don't hear from vendors, please be on the lookout for an email from me. I will also be making outbound calls (from a blocked number, just kidding) to touch base with our vendors who may like to sponsor.

You may ask how much is the sponsorship of the Thursday training? Just the cost of the lunch for the engineers in attendance. Some people bring in Jason's Deli, or Grady's. Presentations must be educational in nature. We have some great ideas planned and look forward growing the attendance of our First Thursday trainings.

Please be sure to check the [SAABE website](#) for updates on our next training!

MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY

by Mark Rybczynski



Our January meeting was held on the 4th Wednesday of the month, which started with the introduction of the new officers: President - Paul Thompson, 1st VP - Roland Trevino, 2nd VP - Louis Vega, Secretary Pro Tem - Mark Rybczynski and Treasurer - Lee Moore. We would like to thank all our vendor sponsors and John Leifester spoke to the vendors present about the advantages of being vendor sponsorship. Melissa spoke to us about upcoming social events and a new program that started this called SAABE Serves, we will be assisting the Animal Defense League with donations of supplies.

Certificate of appreciation plaques were presented to retiring President Mike Halvorson, 1st VP Curtis Thompson and Secretary pro tem Roger Piccolo.

Doug Graves was our guest speaker and he will be the Chair of a program called The Good, The Bad & The Ugly. It will be a roundtable meeting about issues that and experiences that engineers have faced and talk about solutions and enjoy a lunch. Thank you Doug for taking this on.

The last Thursday training meeting will have to be changed due to the meeting being on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Members were asked to choose a day that would work the best for this class and a survey was passed to all engineer members to see what education and speakers would be of interest to the membership.

Our next meeting will be on February 25th and it is important the all members attending please [RSVP](#) by the deadline so we can have an accurate count for meals and seats for the meeting.

VENDOR UPDATES

by Randy Cummings

It has been awhile but we finally have newsletter back in circulation! We have had a lot happening this year and hopefully everyone has learned a few things, made some new contacts and had some fun with SAABE this year.

In case you've missed, we have had some great presentations at our general membership meetings and last Thursday training classes. Going into the rest of the year we are looking for sponsors and presenters to educate the membership. As always these must be topic related and not include any sales presentations. Thanks to all the engineers who filed out the survey at the last luncheon, it was very helpful. We're also always looking for feedback on topics you engineers want to hear about. Chances are if you want to learn more about something, others engineers do as well. Your board is here to serve you and we can't do it without your feedback. Please feel free to contact me or any board member with any compliments, complaints or concerns.





MEMBERSHIP MEMO by Kendal Langenberg

Greetings, my fellow SAABE members! For the "membership blurb" this month, I wanted to remind everyone that association renewals for 2015 are now due. If you are unsure as to whether your 2015 membership dues have been paid or not, then definitely give me a call (or any of the board members) to verify if you are "legal" or not. This is VERY IMPORTANT so that you are not left out of the soon-to-be-published 2015 membership directory. And as always, if you have any leads on potential new members, please send them my way!

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

We will meet once a month on different sides of town to talk about current topics of interest.

- What went wrong, right or it would have worked better if...
- New technology, ideas or things happening at buildings in San Antonio.
- Building tours, or training meeting may also come out of these meetings.



If you would like to discuss a certain topic, then we all can bring research and knowledge to the meeting & we can discuss.

If you are an expert in a certain field or want to be put on the list of invites to a lunch meeting, please [sign up](#).

No pressure, just a few building engineers sitting down around a burger and discussing things we find interesting. If you are interested in participating, please email [Doug Graves](#) for more information.

SAABE SERVES

by Stacey Mercer

Greetings from SAABE SERVES! During the month of February and through the end of March, we will be running a donation drive for the Animal Defense League of San Antonio. ADL is a non-profit organization that relies on the community to maintain the operations and care for the thousands of animals they provide shelter and medical care for.



There are many ways to donate to ADL! Charitable items that are needed include: blankets, dog/cat food, trash bags, and newspapers. You could even underwrite a special skill to help with the physical maintenance at the shelter. Or, if you would like to donate money, you can do so in the memory of a lost loved one or even a pet.

For further details or questions about this donation drive please reach out to Stacey Mercer at (210) 218-6663 or smercerc@bmsmanagement.com. You can also check out [ADL Texas](#) to see what other items are needed or how we can further help ADL. Thank you all for your support!

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